IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Allowed:

July 16, 2004

John R. WELLS et alb

Confirmation No.:

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Application No.: 09/482,653

Art Unit:

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Filed: January 13, 2000

Examiner:

Charles E. Cooley

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For: AUTOMATIC MULTIPLE-DECANTING CENTRIFUGE

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

CORRECTION OF ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.28(c)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 30, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby advise the PTO that the applicant in this application is not entitled to small entity status. The application was erroneously filed as a small entity in good faith, and the error was just discovered.

Attached hereto are an itemization of the deficiency and payment for the total deficiency owed (\$2,229). Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

> Respectfully submitted, **CLARK & BRODY**

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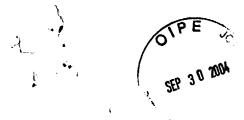
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DATE	APPLICANT FILED	APPLICANT PAID	CURRENT LARGE ENTITY	APPLICANT OWES
1/13/2000	New Utility Application; 16 claims in excess of twenty; 1 independent claim in excess of three.	\$645.00 (Check)	\$1,144.00	\$499.00
9/01/2000	Response to Missing Parts; Late Declaration; 5 Month Extension of Time.	\$990.00 (Check)	\$2,140.00	\$1,150.00
9/01/2001	Response to 1 st Office Action; 3-Month Extension of Time.	\$910.00 (Deposit Account Charged Large Entity Fees)	\$950.00	\$40.00
7/15/2002	Request for Continued Examination (RCE); 3-Month Extension of Time.	\$1,660.00 (Deposit Account Charged Large Entity Fees)	\$1,720.00	\$60.00
2/03/2003	Response to 3 rd Office Action; 3-Month Extension of Time.	\$920.00 (Deposit Account Charged Large Entity Fees)	\$950.00	\$30.00
7/02/2003	Request for Continued Examination (RCE); 1-Month Extension of Time.	\$430.00 (Check)	\$880.00	\$450.00
	TOTALS:	\$5,555.00	\$7,784.00	\$2,229.00